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File - Southwinds Apt., 821 S. South

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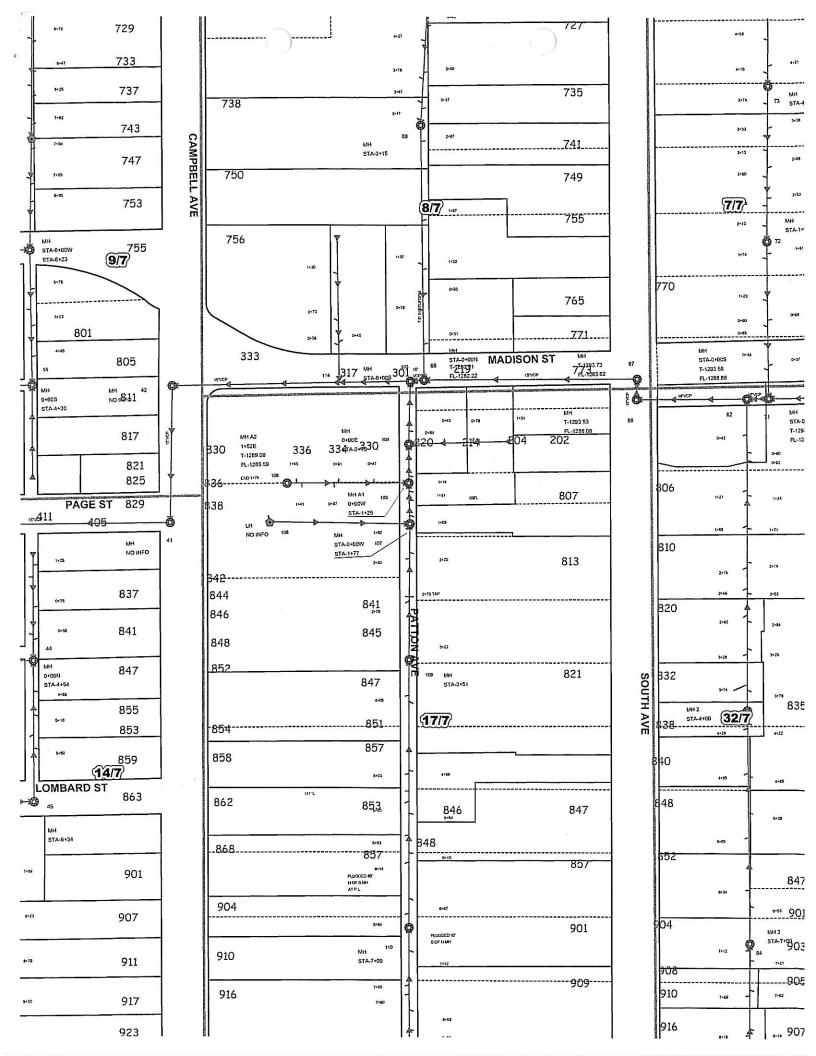
Re:

Sump pump discharging sewage to the storm sewer

On February 24, 2004 at approximately 9:30 A.M. Randy Lyman gave me a note that Brad O'Neil, Sewer Maintenance, had called him and found sewage being pumped into the storm sewer behind the Southwinds Apts. at 821 South Ave. I called Carrie Lamb in the Storm Water Section to see if she wanted to meet me there. I immediately went to that location. I found a sump pump on the West side of the apartment complex pumping sewage to Patton Ave. and then flowing into the storm sewer. It appears that this sump pump is used to keep groundwater from entering the basement apartments. I went to the manager office and explained the problem to her and asked her to have a maintenance man meet me at the sump pump location. Mr. Jim Evans contacted me and he said that he noticed the sewage on Friday. He said that this happened a couple of years ago and that one of the other Wooten Co. maintenance personnel fixed the problem. He was going to call that person to come and fix the problem again. While I was waiting for Carrie to arrive Mr. Evans returned and told me the other maintenance man was on his way over to correct the problem. I gave Mr. Evans my name and telephone number to have him call me when the problem was corrected. When Carrie arrived I showed her the problem. I told her that Southwinds had someone on the way to fix the problem. I then returned to the office. I received a call from the Manager of Southwinds at approximately 10:30 A.M. stating that they had called Reed Plumbing and that they were on their way to correct the problem. I then called Carrie to let her know that Southwinds had called Reed and were apparently correcting the problem immediately. I will check to see that the problem has been corrected tomorrow (February 25, 2004.)

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To: File- Southwind Apt., 821 S. Avenue

From: John D. Waitman

Date: 2/27/2004

Re: Sanitary sewer discharge to City street

I arrived at the site at 11:20 and observed Herb Reed and Mike Chavers of Reed Plumbing working at the site. The sewer service connection from "B" building to the city main had been excavated. Mr. Reed indicated that someone from Southwind Apts. had bored a hole into the sanitary service connection from the building and was allowing it to back up into the sump manway. This borehole was observed and photographed. He also informed the city that the Southwind Apt. service connection was 2.5" lower than the City sewer main. In addition, the service with the borehole was located adjacent to a storm sewer pipe, which has probably allowed excess sewage to drain for approximately 10 years. The storm sewer appears to be private and run underneath "B" building to some extent. Mr. Reed was prepared to obtain permits from the City to connect the bypassing service connection serving "B" building to a Y further down the main line that would improve sewer drainage coming from "B" Building due to elevation drop. They were temporarily replacing the current service connection (ductile) with PVC until a decision could be made whether installing the new service connection further downgradient would have enough elevation drop to fix the entire problem, or if a lift station pump would be required to correct for the elevation difficulties. Management staff from Wooten was to arrive at approx. 14:00 that day to advise Mr. Reed of what their plans are. Mr. Reed stated that he would contact the City when he knew what they actions were going to be taken to correct the problem.

February 27, 2004

Visited the site again at 0900 and observed trench being excavated to the next downgradient Y. Reed Plumbing had completed the temporary service replacement and still did not know if enough elevation drop could be utilized at the Y. If not, Wooten management has agreed to install a lift pump.

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